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Report of the medical officer of health on the state of plague in Cape Colony during week ended October 15, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital, no case was discharged or died. Two cases remain under treatment. Seventy rats (9 found dead) and 160 mice (5 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 8 rats and 5 mice proved to be plague-infected.

East London.—Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town during the week.

CAPE TOWN.

Harbor board area and shipping in harbor.—Four hundred and twenty-five rodents were examined; no plague infection was discovered.

Cape Town municipal area.—Six hundred and seventy-two rodents were examined by the medical officer of health for the city; no plague infection was discovered.

Other districts.—No plague infection in man or animals was discovered.

J. A. MITCHELL,

Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Report from Fiume—Inspection of emigrants.

Consular Agent La Guardia reports, October 21, 1904, as follows: Steamship *Pannoma*, sailed October 20, for New York; steerage passengers embarked, 1,823; pieces of baggage inspected and passed, 2,400; pieces of baggage disinfected, 47 (feathers and bedding). Sixty passengers were rejected previous to final inspection.

BRAZIL.

Report from Bahia—Mortuary statistics.

Consul Furniss reports October 17, 1904, as follows:

During the week ended October 15, 1904, there were interred in the Bahia cemeteries 85 bodies.

The causes given of death were the following: Alcoholism, 1; aortic dilatation, 3; arterio-sclerosis, 3; asphyxia, 1; beriberi, 3; cerebral congestion, 2; diarrhea and dysentery, 7; epilepsy, 3; erysipelas, 1; intestinal parasites, 1; malarial fevers, 4; meningitis, 3; nephritis, 2; organic diseases of heart, 3; plague (verified), 3; puerperal eclampsia, 1; puerperal fever, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 17; other tuberculosis, 2; senile debility, 4; septicæmia, 1; smallpox, 3; syncope, 1; syphilis, 1; tetanus, 1; tetanus neonatorum, 2; typhoid fever, 1; umbilical hemorrhage, 1; other causes, 9.

I have also to inform you that for the same period there were reported 11 cases of smallpox, with 3 deaths.

Plague in Bahia.

Consul Furniss reports, October 25, 1904, as follows:

The following is the movement of plague in Bahia from the 1st of October to the present date:

Cases verified by bacteriological examination.....	9
Deaths from verified cases of plague.....	7
Cases suspect, encountered dead by medical inspectors and not examined bacteriologically.....	4
Total cases considered as plague.....	13
Total deaths considered as plague.....	11